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Honorable William H. Webster
Director of Central Intelligence
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Dear Judge Webster:

The Committee wishes to gain a better understanding of the sufficiency of Intelligence Community programs for the specific monitoring needs of each of the arms control agreements which may be negotiated over the next few years.

We are not asking for a new study, recognizing that this is a question which you review constantly, but we do ask that you advise us by April 20 of your current view of the monitoring situation with regard to each of the treaties under consideration. In particular, we would like to know which Intelligence Community programs serve the monitoring needs of each treaty, what monitoring confidence would result and, where less than high confidence is expected, what additional programs would be needed to raise confidence to a high level. We recognize that some monitoring demands are intractable and that high confidence cannot always be obtained.

This information will be very valuable to us in completing our review of the budget, which we hope to accomplish by early May.

Sincerely,

[Handwritten signature of Anthony C. Beilenson]
ANTHONY C. BEILENSEN
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